was not aware that even one petition from the parties who had the best right to be judges on such commercial questions, had not asked for its repeal; but on the contrary nearly all the great centres of business through their respective Boards of Trade had asked that it may not be repealed; but that it may be continued, and amended if necessary. He would ask then that this motion may be well considered by this House, and the Government, so that the country will not fall back—by allowing this Law to expire—to that state of affairs which prevailed in the Lower Provinces before the passing of this uniform Law, which so enables the commercial men of the several Provinces of this Dominion to understand each other. Further he would say on the basis of our commercial credit, he would ask that the motion be complied with, and the Law continued, and thereby confidence given to men of means to advance their capital, and give that credit so essential for commercial activity. In answer to the arguments of some hon. gentlemen it was only necessary for him to say that under the several clauses of this law, it was utterly impossible for the dishonest debtor to act as described, and as he could, under the system of execution, because no unequal or preferential making of the assets—where commercial men know their business—can be sustained, but every creditor must share and share alike. In conclusion then, he would support the motion of the hon mover, and hoped every gentleman who loved fair play would act similarly, so as to keep a law continuing, that is now a Dominion law in contrast with the confusion the country will be in, if this Act be allowed to expire, and which to him would be going backward instead of forward—making again the laws of the several provinces of this Dominion dissimilar instead of national and uniform.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL replied that under any circumstances the Government intended taking the question of the Insolvency Laws into their consideration during the vacation, and would therefore willingly agree to the Address.

The motion was carried.

Bills on the following subjects were read a second time:

St. Catharine's Board of Trade, River Sydenham.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL introduced a bill to amend the act respecting copyrights

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, June 3, 1872.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD, [in absence of Hon. Mr. Cauchon] took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

The following bills were read a third time and passed:

To incorporate the British American Assurance Company.

To amend the Act respecting rivers and streams so as to apply to the river Sydenham.

SECOND READING.

On motion of Hon. Mr. REESOR, the bill respecting the London and Canadian Loan Agency was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

COAST NAVIGATION.

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN asked—Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide this Session, for the construction of a steam fog whistle on Cape Enragé, in the Bay of Fundy, in view of the dangerous character of the coast, and the increasing amount of vessels employed in said Bay? In making the motion, the hon. gentleman urged the importance of the service, and took an opportunity of expressing his satisfaction with the energy and vigilance displayed by the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL said if the Department deserved the thanks of the commercial community for its vigilance, due credit must be given to the subordinates. With respect to the enquiry he stated that the Government, whilst acknowledging the necessity for the fog whistle, were unable to provide it this session, but would certainly do so next session, should the country continue to give them its confidence. The Government were able to state they intended providing a fog whistle at Machias Seal Island in the same Bay.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT was glad to hear the intimation of the Minister on the latter point, for a steamer had been lost on the island recently, and it was a very dangerous spot.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS.

Hon. Mr. SEYMOUR moved the adoption of two reports of Committee on Contingent Accounts. The first simply referred to the Clerk's account with the Senate from 1st February to 31st Decem-